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Movin' on

Webelos make transition to Boy Scouts

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During a special pack meeting the Webelos 2 of Cub Scouts Pack 225 made the transition into the Boy Scouts during a Cub Scouts Crossover Ceremony in the cafeteria at Mokapu Elementary School here April 26.

Following standard pack meeting procedures the troops of Webelos (We Be Loyal Scouts) 2 were awarded the Arrow of Light award before moving up into the ranks of the Boy Scouts.

The Arrow of Light is a unique award due to what the scouts must do to earn it, and it is also the only award earned while in the Cub Scouts that can be worn while in the Boy Scouts.

"It's a very special award," said Capt. Doug R. Cunningham, cub master, Cub Scout Pack 225. "For two years the Webelos have been working toward that goal of earning the Arrow of Light and they have to do quite a few things to earn it. The Arrow Light is a big deal, is the last award they can earn as a cub scout."

To earn the Arrow of Light award the scouts had to earn seven different activity badges, along with belt loops, attend troop meetings with the Boy Scouts along with an overnight event and conduct various interviews with the scoutmaster. After accomplishing all of these things and demonstrating a mastered knowledge of the Boy Scouts and handshake, they are ready to earn the Arrow of Light and make the move into the Boy Scouts.

The jump from Cub Scout to Boy Scout is a significant one, but one that Cunningham believes is of the utmost benefit to the boys involved.

"It's a very big step because once the boys move up to Boy Scouts, they run the troop basically," said Cunningham. "It's a big jump, it's a maturity jump. In the Cub Scouts, the parents do all of the coordinating and planning. In the Boy Scouts, the boys have the responsibility."

Cunningham said taking on the

new responsibility is one of the contributing factors to helping the boys learn valuable life lessons.

"They learn to be leaders, to work as a unit, they learn to value honesty, integrity, being trustworthy, looking out for others before yourself," said Cunningham. "All the things we try to teach our children inside the home is being reinforced in scouting. A lot of your corporate leaders in today's societies were scouts and earned the rank of Eagle Scout; it's a way of developing those skills that will be needed when they become adults."

For one of the boys moving on, he can't wait for the adventures the Boy Scouts has to offer, and although he enjoyed being in the Cub Scouts, he's happy to be moving up.

"The Cub Scouts is fun; I just really wanted to get into the Boy Scouts and now that I'm a Boy Scout I feel that I'll finally be able to forge my own story," said Orion S.N. Johnson. "I just want to get going. I really wish I didn't have to wait until Wednesday. I wish it was today."



Bear Scouts Casey Quijano (left), Ryan Butler (center) and Christopher Neff, execute the Cub Scout salute during the Pledge of Allegiance.



Tiger Scouts Nikolaus Sams and Daniel Murphy place the American Flag into a holder during the opening ceremonies.



Boy Scout Brendan Tourek presents his little brother, Patrick, with the Boy Scout neckerchief, book and slide during the Webelos crossover ceremony into the Boy Scouts.

Families of Patrick Tourek, Jeremy Cunningham, Kristopher Wiemann, Chase Lanham and Orion Johnson watch as each scout receives their Arrow of Light plaques during the Webelos cross over ceremony into the Boy Scouts April 26. The plaques signify that each scout has accomplished all the things they need to do as a Cub Scout in order to become a Boy Scout.



Platoon sergeant sets example

Cpl. R. Drew Hendricks
Combat Correspondent

Some say that a platoon sergeant, a leader of Marines, has to have a certain demeanor that is characteristically Marine, sharp eyes that seem to be constantly searching, observing and a sense of awareness that comes from facing the rigors of combat.

Those who know and work for Sgt. Julio Rapalo, platoon sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, say he is one of those leaders who fits his billet quite well.

“You know how people say you’re a Marine 24-7, well he takes that to heart,” said Sgt. Thomas Wiggins, squad leader, Operational Platoon, H&S Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. “He is a Marine 24-7. I wouldn’t be surprised if he didn’t take his uniform off till 23:59.”

Those who know Rapalo say he is the way he is for no other reason than his willingness to help those Marines around him.

“I love what I do,” said the Honduras native. “If I’m not with the Marines or not a part of their lives I feel empty, I need that brotherhood.”

Along with his duties as H&S platoon sergeant, Rapalo is the guide for the H&S weapons platoon “Darkside,” which is made up of Marines from throughout H&S

Company. This platoon, under the guidance and training of Rapalo, has become a tight knit platoon that will conduct the same missions as those infantrymen whose primary occupational specialty is combat.

“His Marines really do care about and respect him,” said Cpl. Dobie August, training noncommissioned officer, H&S Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. “They follow him, not because they have to, but because they know he will be the one to bring them back home alive.”

According to August and Wiggins, Rapalo is one of those Marines that seems to constantly ooze motivation. He is the type of leader who is not afraid to correct the Marines under or over him. He shows tough love. He’s not short to light a Marine up, but he will when he has to.

“When you see a good Marine you usually focus on the one or two great aspects,” said Wiggins. “What makes him different is the sheer volume of aspects he brings to the table.”

The thing this motivator said he loves most is not the power or authority that comes with leadership, but the responsibility of training and molding Marines.

“Being with my Marines, being able to train and influence them and just being around them, that’s my motivation,” he said.



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Sergeant Julio Rapalo, platoon sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, stands tall amongst his peers as an exceptional leader, according to his leaders, peers and subordinates.

Currently Rapalo is training his Marines for what could be the hardest thing a person could ever go through: combat. Rapalo has seen his own fare share of it and will soon be going back for more.

“This upcoming deployment will be my third trip,”

he said. “I love what I do, and I’m looking forward to going over there with my Marines.”

The “Darkside,” has been pushing their training to the limits with Rapalo’s help. He has the ability to pull that extra effort from his Marines whenever they

start to slow down.

“He shows tough love, but he is honest about everything he does and treats every Marine fairly,” said August who has fought with Rapalo in the sand of Iraq. “He has instilled that discipline into them.”

Rapalo said he is not the only reason his platoon excels; he also gives a tremendous amount of credit to his Marines. According to Wiggins, Rapalo never takes any credit. He gives it all to his Marines.

“I have great expectations of them and they continue to meet every one,” said Rapalo. “We set the standard high, and even when they have met that we push them harder and they just keep coming, they want to achieve perfection.”

For Rapalo the Marine Corps is not just another job. He refuses to look at it that way. Rapalo sees the Corps as something this country needs, and it needs a certain type of people to make it what it is.

“When I joined I saw the reality of things and my eyes opened a little more to the way this world works,” he said. “I fell in love with the Marine Corps itself. I saw why it was needed the traditions and everything that makes a Marine and I wanted to be a part of it.”

Rapalo first heard of the Marine Corps through his uncle who was a general in

the Honduras military.

“He had heard stories and seen the actions of the Marines and always talked about them,” Rapalo added. “He instilled a little bit of that awe in me.”

Once he joined the Corps he said it became apparent to him why it is necessary for him to serve.

“Personally I see it as my duty, because the people that came before us set a certain pace by doing what they did for the country, and I feel I’m contributing my share now,” he added. “It’s my turn, I need to be the overwatch.”

Rapalo plans to push forward with his career and is looking at the long haul in the Marine Corps. Upon completion of his next deployment he wants to pursue the drill field where his love of training and molding young Marines will be fulfilled.

“The Marine Corps just makes better people,” he said. “I want to be able to instill some of my influence and make a difference in the future of the Corps.”

Those who work with Rapalo said they feed off of his motivation just as he says he feeds off of them.

According to Wiggins, he is one of those Marines who exemplifies what it means to be a Marine.

“Most NCOs don’t practice what they preach,” said Wiggins. “He doesn’t just practice it, he lives it.”

Book review: ‘The Widow of the South’



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I guess I’ve always been a (in denial) bookworm. I remember being about seven, reading “The Babysitter’s Club” books, and thinking I was so cool for getting through a book in a week. Not much has changed, except now the novels of my choice have more complicated plots than the troubles of pre-teen girls trying to babysit and solve crimes.

The novel I just finished reading was a gift from my Mom. Knowing my love for historical fiction, she bought me a copy of Robert Hicks’ novel “The Widow of the South.”

She was excited to give it to me because she had just got back from Tennessee, where she made a stop at a Civil War plantation and cemetery, and bought this book.

The book is about the history of the plantation, the cemetery and the battle that made both famous. Come to find out, the author worked at the plantation’s museum. She bought the book and had the author autograph it for me, which I have to admit, I think is pretty cool.

The story behind the novel immedi-

ately captured my interest, but being a “Gone With the Wind” fan, I was skeptical of a Civil War novel. It couldn’t possibly compare. However, my Mom had gone out of her way to buy it for me, and I wasn’t currently reading anything, so I gave it a chance. I’m sure glad I did.

“The Widow of the South” is a fictional novel about a real time, a real place and very real people. It tells the story of Carrie McGavock, a young woman who would come to be a symbol of a broken nation’s soul.

The Battle of Franklin, Tenn., resulted in the loss of 9,200 men. The McGavock plantation, named Carton, served as a hospital for the Confederacy during this battle.

This novel throws you into the horror of the bloodiest five hours of the Civil War. You see the battle and devastation it leaves on a town from different perspectives: a sergeant ready to die for this country, a slave woman who sees the reality of the war more clearly than any of the others, and a young woman thrown into the war unwillingly, who ends up becoming a hero to the wounded soldiers.

Long after the war left Franklin, the McGavock plantation served as a resting place for almost 1,500 Confederacy soldiers. Despite all the loss caused by the war, Carrie McGavock found a cause. She spent the rest of her life dressed in black gowns, mourning the souls resting in her backyard. She serves as the mother, the wife and the family to these young men who rest far away from their homes.

Robert Hicks’ first novel impressively displays the horrors of war, the beauty of love, the end of an era, and the courage of a woman to overcome all obstacles.

The only thing I could complain about was that it ended. The book is a testimony to the heroes whose lives were lost and to their hero, Carrie McGavock.

Movie review: ‘Hot Fuzz’



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Editor’s note: Hawaii Marine’s combat correspondents will provide readers with in-depth reviews and unbiased ratings of a film currently in theaters or one of the many classics of yesterday.

The rating system requires some explanation before you get started. If the film being reviewed is currently available for rent or purchase it will be assigned a certain number of “microwaves” on a scale of one to five to rate its “reheat factor.”

If the film being reviewed is in theaters, it will be assigned a certain number of service stripes on a scale from one to five.

In other words, the more microwaves or service stripes the film receives, the better and more entertaining it is to watch.



Rating: Four out of five service stripes

Simon Pegg and Nick Frost are at it again in a movie that is a slap in the face to all the others in its genre.

You may be wondering, “Well that’s great, but who in the world are Simon Pegg and Nick Frost?” These two actors are best known in

the United States for their performances in Shaun of the Dead, another great horror flick that is exceedingly funny as much as it is gory.

In the United Kingdom, Pegg and Frost are well known comedians named for their many performances and appearances on television.

If you have seen Shaun of the Dead, then it is quite possible you will enjoy “Hot Fuzz.” Pegg and Frost’s performance is charmingly funny. Their attitudes are reminiscent of those long lost friends from high school that were always good for a laugh.

“Hot Fuzz” is one of those movies that makes you wonder whether it is more serious or more comical. While some may find it a bit slow in the beginning, the ending is a solid thirty minutes of “Old West” style show-downs.

In the movie Nick Angel, played by Pegg, is a top London cop with moves that would make Dirty Harry look pedestrian – all right maybe not that far, but the point is he is a great cop.

Angel gets transferred to one of the smallest and most uneventful villages in England when rivals within his own department have had enough of his perfect record.

Upon his arrival to Sandford, Angel begins showing the town just how staunch of a police officer he is until he is partnered with not-so-bright constable Danny Buttermann, played by Frost.

Buttermann, who’s father just happens to be chief, wants nothing more than for his career to be just like the cops he sees in the movies.

Sandford, however, is no place for action, adventure or loitering. It is a small town full of old people who are more concerned about winning the Village of the Year award than their own lives, or the lives of others.

This becomes quickly apparent to Angel after a series of bizarre and completely gruesome “accidents” begin to happen to key citizens within the village. As Angel uncovers the plot behind the scenes, the outcome is something far more twisted and unexpected than even he, the super cop, could have imagined.

Be prepared. If you thought “300” was gory, get ready for some outrageous blood and gore that will make you laugh more than cringe.

If you like comedy and dark humor, this action, comedy, crime, and mystery movie - yes, it is in that many genres - is for you. Especially if you are from a small town where you knew things were never quite right.

MOVIE TIME

Prices: Friday and Saturday 7:15 p.m., shows are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Sunday matinee is shown at 2 p.m. Shows are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Evening showings on Sunday and Wednesday are at 6:30 p.m. and late shows are shown Friday and Saturday at 9:45 p.m. Cost is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

For ticket pricing, the Base Theater Box Office defines an adult as a patron 12 and older and defines a child as a patron from 6 to 11. Children 5 and younger are admitted free of charge. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 and younger. Patrons must present their military identification card when purchasing tickets. Call 254-7642 for recorded information.

Sneak Preview Policy: One hour and 45 minutes prior to the movie, tickets will be issued to first priority patrons waiting in line, then second and third priority patrons.

In an effort to prevent piracy, the following security measures will be enforced on base for sneak preview screenings: bag checks, confiscation of cameras or cell phones with picture taking capability (items will be returned after screening), magnetometer wand, audience scanning with night vision goggles during screening.

The Base Theater and film companies thank you in advance for your cooperation and hope you will enjoy the show. For recorded information, call the Base Theater at 254-7642.

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300 (R)
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Key volunteer selected as Volunteer of the Year

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Within and around Marine Corps Base Hawaii there are hundreds of volunteers working to support both military and neighboring communities. Individuals and entire units devote their time and dedication to their fellow man here.

Out of the hundreds of volunteers here one in particular was recognized for her selfless service to her neighbors April 26.

Melissa M. Bridgett, coordinator for the Key Volunteer Network, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, was selected as the 2006 Volunteer of the Year for not only for her work with the Key Volunteers, but for the many uncounted hours she has spent mentoring, teaching and helping military families.

“I just try to make sure that the Marines and their families are taken care of,” said Bridgett. “My faith in God is a big part of it. It’s just a matter of sticking to the golden rule.”

Bridgett has been a part of the Key Volunteer Network for 17 years, since she first married her husband 1st Lt. Richard Bridgett. The commanders of 3rd Battalion nominated her for her exceptional and excellent performance of her duties.

“When we first came here from Ohio I was a newly married 18-year-old wife,” said Bridgett. “I was far away from my family; I didn’t know anyone and it was kind of hard.”

At first she said the network was simply a way to keep busy until it blossomed into a passion to help others.

“I especially want to help the spouses of junior Marines who are really new to both marriage and the military,” she added. “I try to encourage them to find the strength within themselves.”

Bridgett has served as a Key Volunteer for six different units. Her first unit was here with Bravo Battery, 1/12.

As a coordinator for the Key Volunteer

Network, Bridgett is the liaison between the command and the family members of the Marines. It is an official Marine Corps program which ensures the families are kept informed and helps provide a support structure within the command.

Bridgett works hand in hand with the unit commanders to ensure the families’ needs and concerns are heard and met.

Bridgett is a professional volunteer and like all Key Volunteers has been trained to help.

“Your heart has to be in the right place for this,” said Bridgett. “You have to also have good interpersonal skills to be able to handle it all.”

Bridgett said it isn’t just her own abilities that have made her a success.

“This award is really humbling. I certainly don’t do this for the recognition, but it’s not just me it’s all the volunteers and the families I work with that deserve the credit,” she said. “The 3/3 command has also been outstanding by pushing family readiness.”

Bridgett doesn’t just stop at volunteering. Along with her work as a Key Volunteer she also works full time as a triage nurse at the Naval Medical Clinic here. As if that weren’t enough she is also a mother of three children, Kaelynn, 14, Aaron, 13, and Eric, 11.

“It can get hard,” said Bridgett. “In the end it is all worth it when you see the families and returning Marine reuniting and knowing that you had a small part in keeping the family strong so they can thrive.”

Bridgett continues to volunteer and encourages anyone who is willing to help to get involved with any of the many groups here.

“Any of these organizations would enrich anybody’s life,” she said. “The advice I try to give to the spouses is, get involved and don’t isolate yourself. It helps a great deal to be a part of these support groups.”



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Melissa M. Bridgett showcases the award and plaque she received upon being selected as the 2006 Volunteer of the Year at a ceremony held at Marine Corps Base Hawaii April 26.

Memorial salutes Armed Forces, discounts offered

News Release
Battleship Missouri Memorial

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — Throughout Military Appreciation Month, the Battleship Missouri Memorial will offer 50 percent off all tours to active-duty, reserve and retired U.S. military personnel with purchase of admission.

To qualify, servicemen and women must present a valid Department of Defense ID when purchasing their tours in advance through MWR. In addition, military personnel dressed in uniform receive complimentary admission year-round at the memorial's gate.

"We are honored most when visited by members of our Armed Forces," said retired Navy Capt. Don Hess, president and chief operating officer of the memorial. "I'd like to encourage all military personnel, friends and family to experience the Mighty Mo's more exclusive areas on a guided tour. Even many of the Sailors and Marines who served aboard the Missouri tell me that only now that the ship is open to public tours can they see areas such as the captain's cabin, officers' and chiefs' spaces, and areas previously marked highly classified."

Each of the Missouri's tours features exclusive highlights, but all tours culminate on the Surrender Deck, site of Japan's unconditional surrender that ended World War II.

The Battleship Guided Tour (editor's note: formerly the Chief's Guided Tour) is a 60-minute walking tour led by a knowledgeable guide that provides a comprehensive overview of the Missouri's five decades of service through three wars - World War II, the Korean War and Operation Desert Storm. This tour offers exclusive access into the ship's missile-guidance nerve center, the Combat Engagement Center.

The Digital Audio Tour offers visitors an in-depth, audio tour that they can enjoy at their own pace. The audio tour features more than two hours of recorded information and excerpts from historic figures and veterans, allowing visitors to listen to as little or as much as they like.

The Explorer's Tour is a 90-minute guided walking tour for the more adventurous-at-heart.

This tour provides an insider's view of the battleship with more exclusive access to

restricted areas than any other of the Missouri's tours.

Visitors are led down as far as four levels below the main deck to see the fire and engine rooms, battery plots, machine ship and brig (ship's jail), as well as the mess deck and post office. "Explorers" also venture inside the massive Turret No. 1 and famous "Broadway," a corridor extending two-thirds of the ship's length. Flashlights, safety vests, and hard hats are issued, along with complimentary bottled water and a souvenir lanyard.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week, excluding Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. General admission is \$16 per adult and \$8 per child 4-12. Military and kama'aina (local resident) rates are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. U.S. military personnel in uniform receive complimentary admission.

Tour upgrades are available starting at \$7 additional for the Battleship Guided Tour or Digital Audio Tour, and \$33 additional for the premium Explorer's Tour. For more information or to reserve a tour, call toll-free at 1-877-644-4896 or visit www.usmissouri.org.

The battleship Missouri is an American icon maintained under the tireless care of the staff and volunteers of the USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc., a private Hawaii-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to create and maintain a fitting memorial to the people and historic events reflecting

our nation's legacy of duty, honor, strength, resolve and sacrifice.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial does not receive government funding. The memorial's continued success is made possible by the support of its visitors, grants, memberships and the generosity of donors.



Photo courtesy of the USS Missouri Memorial Association
The Mighty Mo, America's last great battleship, secured its place in history as the site of Japan's unconditional surrender to the Allied Forces ending World War II. After serving America in three wars and its final decommission in 1992, the Navy selected the USS Missouri Memorial Association as caretaker of the battleship and Pearl Harbor as its permanent home.


Anyone for Conga?



Staff Sgt. Ronna M. Weyland
Alto saxophone player, Cpl. Mark Pellon, Marine Forces Pacific Show Band, leads a conga through the crowd during the bands one-hour performance at the "I Love Kailua" town festival Sunday in Kailua, Hawaii. During the five-hour festival, patrons were entertained by live music and children's activities and were offered a wide variety of food from various vendors.

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Come enjoy free Mexican pupus and drink specials available in the Kauai Bar at the Officers’ Club at 4:30 p.m. This event is open to club members and sponsored guests.

For more information, call Don Figueira at 254-7650.

Saturday

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Come check out the Corona girls and enjoy drink specials at Kahuna’s Bar and Grill May 5 from 9 to 11 p.m. This event is open to E-5 and below and sponsored guests.

For more information, call Alexis Swenson at 254-7660.

Day on the Docks

Come have a great time at the annual fishing tournament at the Base Marina Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$12 per child and is open to all active duty, family members and Department of Defense employees.

For more information, call Neil Morgan at 254-7667.

Ongoing

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Exhibit

An informational exhibit on the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders will take place at the Base Library now through May 15.

For information, call Merri Fernandez at 254-7624.

Upcoming

‘Almost Mother’s Day’ Social

The Aulea Swim Club presents a Wine Tasting and Silent Auction held at the Koolau Golf Club Glass Ballroom Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$45 or at the door for \$60.

For tickets or information, e-mail fundraiser@aulea.org or call 263-SWIM.

Hunter Education Classes

Hunter Education Classes are being offered by the Hawaii Dept. of Land and Natural Resources May 18 from 5:45 to 10 p.m. and May 19 from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. The classes will be held at the Nimitz Center, 2nd Floor, 1130 N. Nimitz Highway, #A-212A. The class is open to anyone 10 years of age and above.

For information or to pre-register, call the Hunter Education Office at 587-0200.

Diamond Head Crater Festival

The number one music experience of the year will be held under the stars inside the Diamond Head Crater in Waikiki at 2 p.m., May 19.

For information, call the hotline at 735-7000 or visit www.cratercelebration.com.

Heads up



Pfc. Brian A. Marion

Members of Marine Aircraft Group 24 play volleyball during their family beach luau April 27 at Pyramid Rock Beach. The aircraft group is part of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and is stationed aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Volunteer work savings big

Christine Cabalo

Photojournalist

Volunteers from Marine Corps Base Hawaii saved the base more than \$480,700 in labor costs this year. Active duty and civilian personnel’s volunteer work hours were tallied for the final figure. Officials from the base’s Readiness Community Support Services, Marine Corps Community Services, tracked volunteers for auxiliary organizations and savings were calculated using the amount of total volunteer hours and multiplying it by the current minimum wage of \$7.25.

“A lot people want to make a difference,” said Debbie Hauhio, information and referral specialist, RCSS. “They want to do something beyond their regular work day or being at home with family.”

Base projects, such as Bayfest and Operation Homefront, are made possible through the charitable efforts of volunteers, said the information and referral specialist. She said the volunteers worked unpaid for more than 66,300 hours throughout 2006.

“I think the hardest part of volunteering sometimes is not having enough time to do all of what you want to do,” she said. “We have people who volunteer so much, and it’s

almost like a full-time job for them.”

Dozens of organizations constantly need volunteers, said Hauhio, who worked previously with Family Advocacy for 16 years. As the new volunteer coordinator for RCCS, her duties include matching prospective volunteers to needy organizations.

“Some people feel very fulfilled doing administrative work,” she said. “Others want physical, face-to-face work with the community.”

As a volunteer herself, Hauhio said she looks for opportunities where she’ll be working with families within the base community. Last Saturday she and Jim Gardner, manager, RCSS, coordinated a family bowling function for Operation Homefront at K-Bay Lanes Bowling Center.

Hauhio said she takes great pride in the unpaid work, and she wanted to be involved in a program helping the families of deployed service members.

The RCSS has calculated savings from unpaid work at the base since 2003, and the amount of savings has gone up. Volunteers worked 150 percent more hours than last year, according to Gardner.

The manager said he knows exactly how he’d spend the money if he were given the nearly half a million dollars

saved this year.

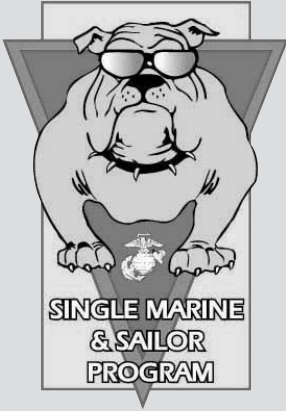
“The first thing I would do is construct more facilities,” he said. “I would build a facility to house Marine and Family Services operations. I’d also like a new building just for youth activities. If I could spend the money, I’d also update infrastructure of the base’s library, theater, and marina.”

If the decision were hers, Hauhio said she would form a committee to discuss what services families would need the most. She said if volunteers were actually paid for the value of their labor, it would be for salaries higher than minimum wage. Her heart especially goes out to volunteers who assist the families of deployed service members.

More than 1,200 people volunteered during their free time last year, and the unpaid contributors were recognized last Thursday in a ceremony at Kaneohe Bay. Every volunteer received an award, and Gardner said each person contributed to making K-Bay a great place to live or work.

“There’s no amount of words or money that could show our appreciation for how hard volunteers work,” he said. “Without them, we couldn’t get done even half of what we do now.”

SM&SP



There’s a Texas Hold ‘em Tournament at the Camp Smith Recreation Center, compliments of the SM&SP.

The tournament is free, and will be held Friday, 6-9 p.m. Sign up at the SM&SP office or the Camp Smith Recreation Center.

Call 254-7593 or your unit representative for more information.

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Full size Comfort Source mattress set with a waterproof cover, \$100. Call 254-6508.

YARD SALE

7th Annual ‘Hilltop’ yard sale, Saturday from 7 a.m. to noon, located near the BOQ and Officers’ Club. Call 254-4905 for questions.

Ads are accepted from active duty and retired military personnel, their family members and MCB Hawaii civil service employees.

The deadline for submitting ads to the Hawaii Marine is 4 p.m. the Friday of the week prior to publication.

Forms may be filled out Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the MCB Hawaii Public Affairs Office located in Building 216, room 19, aboard Marine Corps Base, Kaneohe Bay.

ON THE MENU

AT ANDERSON HALL

Friday

Lunch

Oven roast beef
Baked tuna & noodles
Steamed rice
French fried cauliflower
Vegetable combo
Brown gravy
Chilled horseradish
Banana coconut cream pie
Chocolate chip cookies
Carrot cake
Cream cheese frosting
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding
Lime/strawberry gelatin
Specialty bar: Country bar

Dinner

Sauerbraten
Baked knockwurst w/sauerkraut
Scalloped potatoes
Noodles Jefferson
Green beans w/mushrooms
Creole summer squash
Brown gravy
Desserts: Same as lunch

Saturday

Dinner

Grilled T-bone steak
Pork chops Mexicana
Mashed potatoes
Spanish rice
Mexican corn
Peas & mushrooms
Brown gravy
Cheesecake w/cherry topping
Fruit nut bars
Chocolate/vanilla cream pudding
Lemon/lemon gelatin
Yellow cake

Sunday

Dinner

Beef pot pie
Baked ham
Baked macaroni & cheese
Club spinach
Cauliflower au gratin
Cream gravy
Bread pudding w/lemon sauce
Vanilla cream pie
Vanilla cookies
Pineapple upside-down cake
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding
Strawberry/orange gelatin

Monday

Lunch

Teriyaki chicken
Salisbury steak
Mashed potatoes
Steamed rice
Simmered carrots
Simmered lima beans
Brown gravy
Pumpkin pie
Chocolate cookies
Easy choc. cake w/chocolate butter cream frosting
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding
Strawberry gelatin
Specialty bar: Pasta

Dinner

Roast turkey
Barbequed Beef Cubes
Pork fried rice
Parsley buttered potatoes
Green beans w/mushrooms
Simmered corn
Brown gravy
Pumpkin pie
Chocolate cookies

Easy choc. cake w/chocolate butter cream frosting
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding
Strawberry/strawberry gelatin

Tuesday

Lunch

Sweet Italian sausage
Veal parmesan
Cheese ravioli
Spaghetti noodles
Simmered asparagus
Italian blend vegetables
Meat sauce
Strawberry glazed cream pie
Brownies
Devil’s food cake w/mocha butter-cream frosting
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding
Cherry/lime gelatin
Specialty bar: Taco

Dinner

Swiss steak with tomato sauce
Lemon baked fish
Lyonnais potatoes
Steamed rice
Southern style green beans
Vegetable combo
Brown gravy
Desserts: Same as lunch

Wednesday

Lunch

Baked ham
Chili macaroni
Candied sweet potatoes
Grilled cheese sandwich
French fried okra
Cauliflower au gratin
Pineapple sauce
Bread pudding w/lemon sauce

Peanut butter brownie
Banana cake w/butter cream frosting
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding
Orange/raspberry gelatin
Specialty bar: Hot dog & sausage

Dinner

Baked stuffed pork chops
Turkey pot pie
Calico corn
Simmered peas and carrots
Steamed rice
Mashed potatoes
Brown gravy
Desserts: same as lunch

Thursday

Lunch

Cantonese spareribs
Chinese Five Spice Chicken
Shrimp fried rice
Corn on the cob
Club spinach
Corn bread dressing
Brown gravy
Lemon chiffon pie
Snicker-doodle cookies
German chocolate cake
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding
Lime/strawberry gelatin
Specialty bar: Deli bar

Dinner

Swedish meatballs
Caribbean chicken breast
Steamed rice
Paprika butter potatoes
Simmered brussels sprouts
Simmered summer squash
Chicken gravy
Desserts: Same as lunch



Six-year-old Ayden Neff hurls the ball down the lane as he and his family enjoy the Operation Homefront Family Bowling Day held at the K-Bay Lanes Bowling Center here April 28.



The Operation Homefront events like Family Bowling Day encourage families to come together to relax and have fun in the midst of the hardship of deployments.

Operation Homefront rolls strike



Margaret Stogsdill cringes as her son, 4-year-old Hunter throws a bowling ball down the lane.

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Combat Correspondent

Marine Corps Community Services held Family-Bowling Day at the K-Bay Lanes Bowling Center here Saturday as part of Operation Homefront.

The family members of Marines and Sailors currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and other areas of conflict were given a little peace of mind and a day to relax and have fun with free bowling, food and games.

Operation Homefront will hold many events throughout the year. Each month an event is scheduled to allow the families of those deployed to come together and lessen the sting separation can cause, said Master Sgt. Saturnino Velazquez, Director, Marine Corps Family Team Building, Marine and Family Services, MCCS.

“The kids love it,” said Amy Neff, wife of Gunnery Sgt. Ronald Neff, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, who deployed in March. “It allows us all to get together to enjoy some free fun and just helps us support one another.”

According to many of the family members, the events help with more than just the camaraderie and support. They also act as a distraction from the long wait families have to endure till their loved ones return from their mission.

“It makes time go by faster,” said Margaret Stogsdill, wife of Staff Sgt. Jaime Stogsdill, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. “When you get to look forward to something that’s closer than seven months it doesn’t seem as long.”

According to Marine and Family Services, these events are just one of the ways leaders of Marine Corps Base Hawaii say “thank you” to all those family members who sacrifice so much here at home while their loved ones sacrifice on the front lines.

“We are here to support the troops and their families,” said Velazquez. “We want to get their minds off things and give them what they deserve, a little fun and relaxation.”

Operation Homefront’s next event is scheduled to take place at the base pool May 19 from 12 to 3 pm. Reservations are required. Families interested in attending should contact the director of Marine Corps Family Teambuilding at 257-2087 or Information, Ticket and Tours at 254-7563.

MALS-24: Volunteer Unit of the Year

Pfc. Brian A. Marion
Combat Correspondent

Volunteers for Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 were recognized as the Volunteer Unit of the Year for 2006 at the 2006 Marine Corps Base Hawaii Volunteer Recognition Ceremony here April 26.

Three other nominated units were beat out by MALS-24 to be recognized, and had approximately 4,700 out of the 66,000 volunteer hours recorded for the year.

It is both surprising and rewarding to be the volunteer unit of the year, said Capt. Juliet Barnes, MALS-24 representative.

The squadron plans to continue to place emphasis on volunteers continuing to help with adopt-a-school and its key volunteers supporting deployed personnel and their families, said Barnes.

The MALS-24 volunteers have helped out with various events, organizations and agencies around MCBH and amongst the community.

Barnes said they have renovated two aircraft currently displayed just inside the front gate,



and also frequently volunteer at the Kainalu Elementary School in Kailua, Hawaii.

“We do field meets, referee intramural games, help with physical education about two times a week, and help with the grounds upkeep,” said Barnes. “We are glad to know that the volunteers are recognized.”

Volunteer units are truly the, “heartbeats of the organizations,” said Debra Hauhio, base volunteer coordinator.

The units make sure the service members’ families are well taken care of, helping those service members to become mission ready, she said.

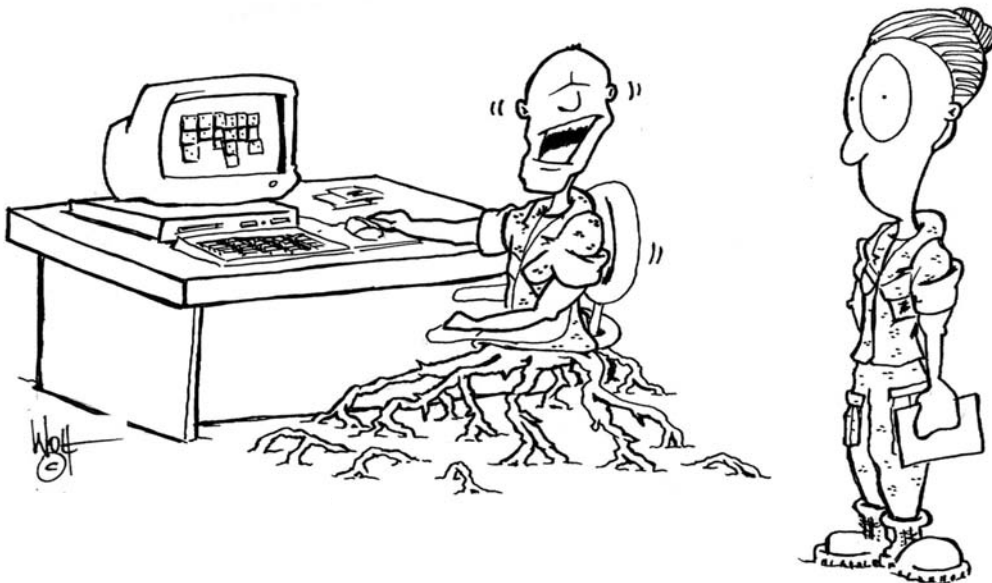
“A volunteer is someone who gives of themselves freely to an organization or service without any thought of reward,” said Col. Mark A. Dungan, deputy commander, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, in regards to the volunteers attending.

Hauhio also thinks it is wonderful that active duty military personnel are volunteering as well.

“They are not doing it because they have to, they are doing it because they want to,” she said.



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HOME STEADER'S

AROUND THE CORPS

Iraqi army, 3/6 Marines cooperate for care

Lance Cpl. Christopher Zahn
Regimental Combat Team 6

ALBU ASSAF, Iraq — When civilians in this riverside area need medical care they often have nowhere to turn. There are no hospitals, medical clinics or doctors here. That leaves them with one other option: the Iraqi Army soldiers who work every day to make the area more secure.

To help these innocent civilians, a team of Iraqi medics and soldiers of 1st Brigade, 3rd Battalion, 1st Iraqi Army Division, opened the doors of a schoolhouse for a cooperative medical engagement April 28. They were joined by Marines from the Military Transition Team, a team that originated from 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, who helped the Iraqis provide care and general treatment for the patients living along the Euphrates River.

“It was an Iraqi-run show,” said Seaman Nathan T. Pruett, a 22-year-old corpsman from Stillwater, Okla. “It was just basic sick call, there’s no trauma or anything like that. Little things like rashes, cuts, sprains, bruises, stomach sickness; just basic sick call procedures.”

The Iraqi medics set up in an empty classroom as Marines and soldiers fanned out across the area to provide security. Once everything was set, it was simply a matter of waiting for the people to come to them. The message had gone out to the people that if they wanted medical care they just had to show up at the schoolhouse at a certain time.

“To be honest I was expecting no more than probably 25 people,” said Cpl. Jasen S. Ortiz, 21, from South Plainfield, N.J. “A lot of people are scared and they feel that if they get helped by the Americans then the insurgents might hurt them. But that’s the whole point of a CME, to show them that we are not here to hurt them, we are here to protect them.”

As word spread about the free medical care, a stream of Iraqis trickled in. They were searched at the gate and then had their hands marked to prevent anyone from coming twice. Once inside they gave their names to a soldier for records and then got seen by an Iraqi medic.

These medics have been Pruett’s responsibility as an advisor. He has given them classes covering basic first aid, and supervised them while they were treating patients.

“I’ve got a couple of them that are really good, but we just got four or five new medics,” said Pruett, a 2004 graduate of Nowata High School. “The four that I have are definitely pretty good at what they



Lance Cpl. Christopher Zahn

An Iraqi army medic examines the prescription of a civilian during a cooperative medical engagement provided by the soldiers of the 1st Brigade, 3rd Battalion, 1st Iraqi Army Division. They were providing much-needed medical care to the civilians in the area with some advice from the Military Transition Team, a team that originated from 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment.

do but could always use more training. They’re pretty confident in what they do. I mainly just sit back unless they need my help. If they don’t understand something, or don’t know how to do something, they’ll come get me and I’ll try to help as best I can.”

The soldiers nervously stood guard while the medics were inside treating patients. Such a large gathering could be a tempting target for insurgents. The day went by peacefully, however, due in large part to the presence of so many Iraqi soldiers providing security.

“It was very successful due to that fact that the locals now know that we are not here to fight,” said Ortiz. “That we are here for their benefit. Now that we have the Iraqis showing their face, it shows that we are trying to successfully do a transition in this state of the war.”

That transition is the sole purpose of men like Ortiz, Pruett and the others in their team.

“It’s a good thing on our part and

the CME is one the crucial things that needs to happen if we ever want to pull out of here,” said Ortiz, a 2004 graduate of South Plainfield High School. “That’s the main thing we need to do is put the Iraqis in front of the Marines. The Marines here are not here to fight the war, we are here to support the war. That’s why we’re called the Military Transition Team. The CME is just one of the many little things we do to show that kind of force.”

At the end of the day everyone left with a sense of satisfaction from doing their job well. They had successfully provided care for over 160 people without a single hostile incident. The Marines and soldiers know they made a small difference in the futures of these people.

“I enjoy helping them,” said Ortiz. “It means a lot to know that maybe five years from now I’ll look back and know that this town, this country was safe because of what I did. One day these people will appreciate what we have done.”



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An Iraqi civilian shares a laugh with his daughter while waiting for his medication. He was taking advantage of the free medical care being provided by soldiers from the 1st Brigade, 3rd Battalion, 1st Iraqi Army Division. The IA soldiers were running a cooperative medical engagement with some advice from the Military Transition Team, a team that originated from 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment.